

Magistrate Judge Theresa L. Fricke

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Plaintiff,

v.

ALEX HUBLY and  
DAVID JOZEPH HUBLY,  
Defendants.

CASE NO. MJ18-5292

**COMPLAINT for VIOLATION**

Title 21, United States Code,  
Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(B), and Title  
18, United States Code, Section 2

BEFORE, the Honorable Theresa L. Fricke, United States Magistrate Judge,  
United States Courthouse, Tacoma, Washington.

The undersigned complainant being duly sworn states:

**COUNT 1**  
**(Distribution of a Controlled Substance)**

Beginning in or about December, 2017, and continuing until in or about October  
2018, in Pierce County, within the Western District of Washington, ALEX HUBLY and  
DAVID JOZEPH HUBLY did knowingly and intentionally distribute, and aid and abet  
the distribution of, a substance controlled under Title 21, United States Code, Section  
812, Schedule I, to wit: heroin.

1 It is further alleged this offense involved 100 grams or more of a mixture or  
2 substance containing heroin.

3 All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(B),  
4 and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

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6 And the complainant states that this Complaint is based on the following  
7 information:

8 I, Steven J Meyer, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and say:

9 **I. INTRODUCTION AND AFFIANT BACKGROUND**

10 1. I am an "investigative or law enforcement officer of the United States"  
11 within the meaning of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2510(7), that is, an officer of  
12 the United States who is empowered by law to conduct investigations of, and to make  
13 arrests for, offenses enumerated in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2516.

14 2. I am a Special Agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA),  
15 and have been since March 2017. I am currently assigned to the Seattle Field Division,  
16 Tacoma Resident Office. Prior to my employment with the DEA, I worked as a  
17 Uniformed Officer with the Secret Service in Washington D.C., from June 2006 to April  
18 2009. I received formal training at the DEA Basic Agent Training in Quantico, Virginia.  
19 The four-month Basic Academy included comprehensive, formalized instruction in,  
20 among other things: basic narcotic investigations, drug identification and detection,  
21 familiarization with United States narcotics laws, financial investigations and money  
22 laundering, identification and seizure of drug-related assets, organized crime  
23 investigations, physical and electronic surveillance, and undercover operations.

24 3. During the course of my law enforcement career, I have been involved in  
25 investigations of numerous criminal offenses, including the offenses involved in this  
26 current investigation. I have participated in criminal investigations of illicit drug  
27 trafficking organizations, ranging from street-level dealers to major dealers, to include  
28 Mexico-based drug trafficking organizations. These investigations have also included

1 the unlawful importation, possession with intent to distribute, and distribution of  
2 controlled substances; the related laundering of monetary instruments; the conducting of  
3 monetary transactions involving the proceeds of specified unlawful activities; and  
4 conspiracies associated with criminal narcotics offenses. These investigations have  
5 included use of the following investigative techniques: confidential informants;  
6 undercover agents; analysis of pen register, trap and trace, and toll records; physical and  
7 electronic surveillance; wiretaps; and the execution of search warrants. I have had the  
8 opportunity to monitor, listen to, review transcripts and line sheets (prepared by linguists)  
9 documenting the content of intercepted conversations involving the trafficking of  
10 cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, and other narcotics, by persons who used some form  
11 of code to thwart law enforcement. I have also interviewed defendants at the time of  
12 their arrests and have debriefed, spoken with, or interviewed numerous drug dealers or  
13 confidential sources (informants) at proffer interviews who were experienced in speaking  
14 in coded conversations over the telephone. I have gained knowledge regarding the  
15 various methods, techniques, codes, and/or jargon used by drug traffickers in the course  
16 of their criminal activities, including their use of cellular telephones and other electronic  
17 devices to facilitate communications while avoiding law enforcement scrutiny.

## 18 **II. PURPOSE OF AFFIDAVIT**

19 4. This Affidavit is submitted in support of a Complaint charging ALEX  
20 HUBLY and DAVID JOZEPH HUBLY with the offense of Distribution of a Controlled  
21 Substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a) and (b)(1)(B),  
22 and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

23 5. The facts set forth in this Affidavit arise from my personal and direct  
24 participation in this investigation, my experience and training, my conversations with  
25 witnesses and other law enforcement personnel participating in this investigation, and my  
26 review of documents and reports. This Affidavit does not include each and every fact  
27 known to me concerning this investigation. Instead, I have set forth only the facts I  
28 believe are necessary to establish probable cause for the offenses charged in this

1 Complaint, and I have set forth only those facts I believe are necessary to make such a  
2 determination.

### 3 III. SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION

4 6. Agents are investigating a drug trafficking organization (DTO) in Western  
5 Washington they believe Juan and Florencio CASTRO Valenzuela and their associates,  
6 including ALEX HUBLY, DAVID JOSEPH HUBLY, and others known and unknown,  
7 are operating. This organization is referred to as the CASTRO DTO and is  
8 predominantly involved in the trafficking of high-purity heroin, counterfeit oxycodone  
9 pills, and methamphetamine. This investigation started as a local drug investigation by  
10 the Bremerton Police Department in August 2017, and has been expanding in scope ever  
11 since that time.

12 7. During this extensive investigation, agents have conducted multiple  
13 controlled and undercover purchases of heroin (totaling around 500 grams) using a  
14 confidential source and an undercover agent; conducted hundreds of hours of physical  
15 and electronic surveillance; installed tracking devices on several target vehicles and  
16 tracking devices/pen registers on several target telephones; used mounted surveillance  
17 cameras to watch the activities at several significant DTO locations; executed several  
18 search warrants on Facebook accounts used by the CASTROs to aid in their distribution  
19 of heroin in Western Washington; and obtained court authorization to intercept  
20 communications over a CASTRO DTO courier's phone (TT19). As part of the instant  
21 investigation, investigators received information about the CASTRO DTO from a  
22 confidential source as described below.

23 8. Confidential Source One (CS1) agreed to cooperate with law enforcement  
24 in 2017, in exchange for judicial considerations. CS1 was arrested by members of the  
25 Bremerton Police Department Special Operations Group (SOG) for his/her involvement  
26 in drug trafficking. CS1 cooperated with SOG and provided them with information about  
27 a group of Mexican drug traffickers who were distributing large amounts of heroin in the  
28 Puget Sound region. CS1 advised SOG that he/she had been selling various controlled

1 substances for several years and had been in contact with several of the people within this  
2 group of Mexican drug traffickers (the CASTRO DTO). CS1 spoke to SOG about a  
3 now-prominent member of the DTO whom the CS knew as "Juan" or "Jose." The CS  
4 believed the individual he/she knew as "Juan/Jose" was the local leader of the DTO at the  
5 time when "Juan/Jose" and the CS had originally met several years ago, and believed  
6 "Juan/Jose" was more recently promoted to a larger role in the DTO.

7 9. CS1 told members of SOG that "Juan/Jose" used Facebook to communicate  
8 with the CS and many other heroin distributors. Bremerton Police Detective (Det.)  
9 Jordan Ejde located a Facebook account under the name of "Juan Andres Castro  
10 Valenzuela" with which CS1 and other local suspected drug dealers were associated.  
11 Det. Ejde questioned CS1 about the account and CS1 confirmed "Juan Andres Castro  
12 Valenzuela" was the male whom he/she referred to as "Juan" or "Jose." CS1 also  
13 showed Det. Ejde messages confirming that Juan CASTRO was in contact with CS1,  
14 using the account in his (Juan CASTRO's) name. According to CS1 and the Facebook  
15 data he/she provided, he/she has been talking to Juan CASTRO via Facebook Messenger  
16 for purposes of making drug transactions since the summer of 2016.

17 10. Det. Ejde and DEA Special Agent Anthony DelVecchio confirmed Juan  
18 CASTRO's identity via records contained in the Washington Department of Licensing  
19 (WADOL) database. Specifically, Juan CASTRO's WADOL photograph matches that of  
20 the individual on the "Juan Andres Castro Valenzuela" Facebook account. Furthermore,  
21 according to a law enforcement database, Juan CASTRO was involved as a suspected  
22 "cell head" for heroin distribution in the Everett area during a DEA investigation that  
23 took place in 2012. Special Agent DelVecchio researched this prior DEA case and found  
24 Juan CASTRO was, in fact, the primary target of investigation in that case. Agents  
25 seized multiple kilograms of heroin in that investigation, but did not arrest CASTRO.

26 11. A review of CS1's Facebook account showed Juan CASTRO also  
27 contacted CS1 from additional Facebook accounts under the names of "Rebeca Spencer,"  
28 "Annel Baker," and "Katherine Thomas." A review of CS1's phone showed Juan

1 CASTRO additionally used Mexican phone numbers 52-668-199-4039 (TT1), 52-668-  
2 248-4230, 52-668-225-5890, and 52-668-199-5533 (TT2) to communicate with CS1 via  
3 text message and voice calls. The "Katherine Thomas" Facebook account and TT1 were  
4 Juan CASTRO's most current methods of drug related communications with CS1 at the  
5 time he/she provided the initial information to SOG.

6 12. Utilizing CS1, SOG conducted six controlled purchases of suspected heroin  
7 from Juan CASTRO through a courier, Jesus Rene Sarmiento Valenzuela (aka "Miguel"),  
8 totaling approximately 90.4 grams. Prior to and after each controlled purchase of heroin,  
9 detectives searched CS1 and his/her vehicle, and provided CS1 with pre-recorded SOG  
10 funds to make each purchase. During the course of each controlled purchase, detectives  
11 maintained surveillance on CS1. After each purchase, detectives tested the suspected  
12 heroin using a NIK test kit with presumptive positive results for the presence of heroin,  
13 and then processed the heroin according to SOG's policies and procedures. For the  
14 second through sixth controlled purchases, detectives recorded the buys with a covert  
15 surveillance camera.

16 13. SOG and DEA began their joint investigation into the CASTRO DTO in  
17 the fall of 2017 and used CS1 to make another (seventh) controlled purchase of heroin  
18 from the CASTRO DTO. CS1 continued to provide agents with updated information on  
19 the DTO's communications methods/platforms and, as detailed later in this Affidavit,  
20 CS1 was able to introduce an undercover DEA agent (UC) to the CASTRO DTO towards  
21 the end of 2017.

22 14. Unfortunately, CS1 was battling heroin addiction for most of the time  
23 he/she was working with agents. After the seventh controlled purchase with CS1 (the  
24 first in which the DEA was involved), which took place toward the end of October 2017,  
25 agents provided CS1 with cash reimbursement for his/her expenses after the purchase  
26 was completed. After this, CS1 and agents parted ways; agents assumed CS1 would  
27 travel back to his/her residence. Unfortunately, agents conducting surveillance of the  
28 CASTRO DTO couriers after the controlled purchase noticed CS1 returned to meet with

1 one of the couriers and seemed to conduct another, unsanctioned, drug transaction.  
2 Agents later questioned CS1 about this encounter and he/she was immediately truthful.  
3 CS1 told agents he/she had gone back to obtain a user amount of heroin. CS1 said being  
4 in the presence of heroin during the controlled purchase was enough of a temptation to  
5 ignite CS1's urge to use the drug personally. CS1 also told agents how he/she had  
6 previously taken (and later used) small portions of the heroin from some of the controlled  
7 purchases SOG had done prior to DEA's involvement. Obviously, such behavior is  
8 against law enforcement policies regarding confidential sources and their use in an  
9 investigation.

10 15. Agents spoke with CS1 about the dangers he/she faced by committing such  
11 crimes while working for law enforcement. After this discussion, CS1 told agents he/she  
12 wanted to continue to work for law enforcement (if allowed); he/she said it was very  
13 important to CS1 that he/she help take the CASTRO DTO's drugs off the streets. CS1  
14 described his/her addiction to heroin as one of the strongest mental struggles a person  
15 would ever have to deal with. From my training and experience, I know CS1's  
16 statements regarding the struggle against heroin addiction to be true. CS1 told agents  
17 he/she would be willing to enter into a drug rehabilitation program or do whatever it took  
18 to get past this addiction and help law enforcement take down the CASTRO DTO while  
19 doing so. Together, agents and CS1 developed a method of helping CS1 to combat  
20 his/her addiction while helping the investigation.

21 16. Agents provided CS1 with access to drug treatment programs and got CS1  
22 enrolled in a rehabilitation center; they even arranged for atypical expense  
23 reimbursements for CS1. Rather than cash reimbursement for expenses incurred during  
24 government operations, agents provided CS1 with food cards or gasoline—things that  
25 were not readily convertible into cash. Agents did so at the request of CS1, so he/she  
26 would not be tempted to purchase drugs with any excess money. These methods worked  
27 for a time.  
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1        17. CS1 successfully completed several months of his/her rehabilitation  
2 program before staff asked CS1 to leave due to his/her attitude problems and problems  
3 with other rehabilitation patients. CS1 continued to help agents by providing information  
4 about the DTO and helping to build the UC's reputation. However, CS1 relapsed into  
5 heroin use in the spring of 2018. This time, CS1 quite rapidly spiraled downward into an  
6 almost paranoid and delusional state. Agents determined they could no longer use CS1  
7 for any investigative purposes, but tried once again to get CS1 some help with his/her  
8 drug problem. Unfortunately, CS1 was not as amenable on this occasion and shunned  
9 agents' attempts at providing assistance. In May 2018, local police arrested CS1 and  
10 charged him/her with residential burglary (felony) and driving with a suspended or  
11 revoked license (misdemeanor). SOG deactivated CS1 in May 2018 due to CS1's  
12 substance abuse issues. However, agents found CS1's information to be reliable during  
13 the time agents utilized him/her to gather information.

14        18. CS1's criminal history includes a felony conviction for  
15 Manufacture/Deliver a Schedule I/II Narcotic in 2013, gross misdemeanor convictions  
16 for Fourth Degree Assault in 2015 and Third Degree Malicious Mischief in 2011, as well  
17 as misdemeanor convictions for Third Degree Driving With a Suspended or Revoked  
18 License in 2018 and 2008, Indecent Exposure in 2013, and Third Degree Malicious  
19 Mischief in 2006.

20        19. As noted above, CS1 was able to introduce an undercover agent (the "UC")  
21 to the CASTRO DTO via a conversation over Facebook Messenger (with the Katherine  
22 Thomas Facebook account). The UC was able to conduct three purchases of heroin from  
23 the CASTRO DTO, through Sarmiento, before the end of 2017. During the first  
24 purchase, the UC used a combination of communications over Facebook Messenger (with  
25 the Katherine Thomas account), TT1, and TT3 to complete the transaction. During the  
26 UC's second purchase, he/she communicated with the DTO through the Katherine  
27 Thomas Facebook account and TT1. The UC conducted a third transaction with the DTO  
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1 in December 2017. Again, the UC communicated with the CASTRO DTO over the  
2 Katherine Thomas Facebook account and TT1.

3 20. On December 24, 2017, Juan CASTRO contacted the UC through  
4 Facebook Messenger, using the Katherine Thomas account. Juan CASTRO explained to  
5 the UC that his cousin, "Luis" would be the point of contact for any immediate deals the  
6 UC required. CASTRO told the UC he/she could contact "Luis" via TT4, but not over  
7 Facebook Messenger. The UC then made contact with "Luis" over TT4 in mid-January  
8 2018, but the two were not able schedule a drug transaction. The UC contacted Juan  
9 CASTRO on the Katherine Thomas Facebook account and confirmed "Luis" was, in fact,  
10 the new courier; Juan CASTRO told the UC to just contact him (CASTRO) directly and  
11 he would handle the specifics with "Luis." Agents later identified "Luis" as Arturo Frias  
12 Ceballos.

13 21. Shortly thereafter, agents received hundreds of pages of Facebook account  
14 information from the Katherine Thomas account, pursuant to a federal search warrant.  
15 This information received from Facebook clearly showed use of the Katherine Thomas  
16 account for drug trafficking purposes, just as agents had suspected. Agents later received  
17 court authorization to search additional accounts associated with the CASTRO DTO and  
18 found very similar data of evidentiary value. The following review of the Katherine  
19 Thomas Facebook account will serve as an example of the types of data/information and  
20 content agents received from the search warrants later executed on additional CASTRO  
21 DTO accounts.

22 22. Facebook records showed account number "100021806071829," which is  
23 associated with the vanity name of "Katherine.thomas.104418," was registered on August  
24 24, 2017, at 19:19:37 UTC. As of January 2018, Facebook records showed the account  
25 was still active. The verified cell phone number associated with this account was  
26 "+526681994039" (TT1), which was verified through Facebook on the day the account  
27 was established. Facebook records showed a listing of internet protocol (IP) addresses  
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1 captured during different activities on Facebook (such as logging in or sending an  
2 attachment).

3 23. These records also showed three linked accounts used by the same digital  
4 device/computer: Katherine Thomas (100021806071829), Florencio CASTRO  
5 Valenzuela (100006465750228), and Annel Baker (100017854953772). Agents had  
6 separately established this same connection between these accounts based on CS1's  
7 information and their own records searches. Agents know the CASTRO DTO used the  
8 Annel Baker account previously in the same manner as they used the Katherine Thomas  
9 account, based on CS1's information.

10 24. Facebook records showed the listed date of birth on the Katherine Thomas  
11 account as a date in February 1990. Juan CASTRO's criminal record lists his date of  
12 birth as that same February date, but in 1986. Agents suspect the common birthdate  
13 between the Katherine Thomas Facebook account and Juan CASTRO is no coincidence,  
14 and that CASTRO most likely used it because it is a date he can easily remember.

15 25. These Facebook records also list all of Juan CASTRO's Facebook friends  
16 associated with this particular account and their Facebook account numbers. Agents have  
17 identified all of these Facebook friends based on their names and Facebook photographs,  
18 and a comparison with WADOL records. Agents have conducted surveillance on many  
19 of the individuals listed below, along with law enforcement research on these individuals,  
20 and suspect, based on agents' physical surveillance observations, they are heroin  
21 distributors for the CASTRO DTO in Washington. The Facebook Messenger portion of  
22 the records received from Facebook also corroborated agents' suspicions regarding these  
23 individuals. As expected, the UC's Facebook account was also listed in this section of  
24 the report.

25 26. The last portion of the Facebook records was a chronological listing of  
26 messaging strings, separated by individual Facebook accounts. These messaging strings  
27 were similar to text message conversations commonly found on mobile phones, though  
28 these messaging conversations were between the Katherine Thomas account and the

1 Facebook friends listed above (the suspected heroin distributors for the DTO). Agents  
2 conducted a review of the messaging section of the Katherine Thomas account records  
3 and noted some key items of information that were relevant to the investigation. Agents  
4 repeated this process with seven additional Facebook accounts used by the CASTROs  
5 throughout 2017 and 2018.

6 27. On December 14, 2017, ALEX HUBLY (using a Facebook account in her  
7 name) asked Juan CASTRO about the "blue pills" and if she could have more of those  
8 pills from CASTRO. CASTRO said he was sold out but would have more on  
9 "Saturday." ALEX HUBLY asked if the pills were "for sure real," and CASTRO  
10 replied, "Ilok [sic], this pills are manufactured in clandestine laboratories, these are not  
11 pharmaceutical." Agents believe ALEX HUBLY and CASTRO were likely discussing  
12 counterfeit oxycodone pills, based on ALEX HUBLY's specificity with regard to the  
13 color of the pills.

14 28. During the court-authorized interception of DTO courier Juan Jose Higuera  
15 Gonzalez's phone (TT19), it appeared that ALEX HUBLY was continuing to place her  
16 drug orders through Facebook, as the intercepted communications between her and  
17 Higuera related to the timing of Higuera's arrival for drug deliveries. For example, on  
18 July 1, 2018, ALEX HUBLY asked Higuera, "how far away are you?" Electronic  
19 surveillance showed Higuera (in one of the identified DTO courier vehicles, TV3) then  
20 arrived at the HUBLY residence for a two-minute visit. I believe, based on my training  
21 and experience, that this short-stay visit was consistent with a drug transaction.

22 29. Facebook records showed ALEX HUBLY's account was the main  
23 account used by the HUBLYs, but those records also showed ALEX HUBLY made  
24 references to DAVID JOSEPH HUBLY's involvement (referring to him as "DJ").  
25 Agents on physical surveillance saw ALEX and DAVID HUBLY, together, during  
26 multiple interactions with CASTRO DTO couriers; and they saw DAVID HUBLY meet  
27 with Higuera for a suspected drug transaction at the HUBLY residence on at least two  
28 occasions. Estimates based off the Facebook materials alone showed the CASTROs

1 provided the HUBLYs with over 1,500 grams of heroin from November 2017 to August  
2 2018.

3 30. Facebook records across multiple accounts used by CASTRO showed the  
4 HUBLYs conducted no less than 45 transactions with CASTRO's couriers during this  
5 investigation. For example, on August 11, 2018, CASTRO contacted the HUBLYs  
6 through his "Rudy Jackson" Facebook account. CASTRO asked, "...how many pieces  
7 you want?" The HUBLYs replied, "for myself of the stuff I get I want 3.1k worth this  
8 guy wants 5 but wants to try it first." From this, agents believe one of the HUBLYs was  
9 asking for \$3,100 worth of heroin and then 125 grams of additional heroin for one of the  
10 HUBLYs' fellow heroin distributors. The two discussed further logistics of the deal and  
11 CASTRO eventually asked, "you want that my cousin will bring 5 pieces extra? Right?"  
12 The unspecified HUBLY decided to conduct a total purchase for 125 grams instead of  
13 conducting two independent transactions with CASTRO's courier. CASTRO said the  
14 price for 5 pieces (125 grams) would typically be "\$5375," but he would give a slight  
15 discount (to "\$5.2k").

16 31. The two agreed to conduct the transaction initially at ALEX and DAVID  
17 HUBLY's residence in Puyallup. Tracking data for TV3 confirmed Higuera traveled to  
18 the area of ALEX and DAVID HUBLY's residence on that date, at 6:20 p.m. Facebook  
19 records showed CASTRO tried to contact the HUBLY account around that same time,  
20 but did not receive a response. CASTRO messaged the HUBLY account, "If you are not  
21 ready yet him will go to spanaway." One of the HUBLYs asked CASTRO to check with  
22 his courier and "ask him if he wants to meet at mall." CASTRO asked, "south hill mall?"  
23 The HUBLY account user confirmed. Tracking data for TV3 showed the vehicle  
24 traveled to the South Hill Mall in Puyallup after leaving the area of the HUBLY  
25 residence. The vehicle remained in the parking lot for a few minutes and then left.  
26 Agents believe HUBLY's transaction was completed within these few minutes.

27 32. On August 13, 2018, Facebook records showed what looked like the  
28 continuation of a conversation the HUBLYs and CASTRO may have originally started

1 over the telephone. One of the HUBLYs messaged, "hey my phone died..." CASTRO  
2 replied to the HUBLY Facebook account and said, "he is on way to red house... you're  
3 there??" The unspecified HUBLY replied, "Yes. Did I say 2600 or 2800?" CASTRO  
4 replied, "\$2600." The unspecified HUBLY then asked, "How much was he supposed to  
5 give me?" and CASTRO replied, "60gr." Tracking data for TV3 (driven by Higuera at  
6 the time) showed the vehicle arrived at the HUBLY residence at 7:38 p.m. on that day  
7 and stayed there for less than five minutes—consistent with yet another drug transaction.  
8 From this conversation and electronic surveillance data, agents believe HIGUERA  
9 delivered 60 grams of high-purity heroin to the HUBLYS, at their residence in Puyallup.  
10 The house the HUBLYS were living in at the time was painted red, hence CASTRO's  
11 reference to the "red house." I believe these Facebook records show the HUBLYS paid  
12 \$2,600 for this heroin. ALEX and DAVID HUBLY were both present during prior  
13 physical surveillance of suspected drug transactions with CASTRO DTO couriers at that  
14 same residence. Agents have seen both ALEX and DAVID HUBLY interacting with  
15 these couriers. I believe the ALEX HUBLY Facebook account is a shared account  
16 between these spouses and they are both responsible for the distribution of at least 1,000  
17 grams of high-purity heroin in Western Washington.

18 33. In October 2018, agents, through physical and electronic surveillance,  
19 observed the DTO courier vehicle (TV3) travel to a location near Yakima Ave. in  
20 Tacoma. At that time, agents were unable to confirm where exactly it stopped. On  
21 October 29, 2018, Special Agent Jeremy Tan observed, via electronic surveillance, TV3  
22 drive to a residence located at 713 S Yakima Ave., Tacoma, Washington. TV3 stopped  
23 at the residence at 5:52 p.m. and remained there for about seven minutes before  
24 departing. This is just one instance where agents have observed (through electronic  
25 tracking) CASTRO DTO couriers travel to and from 713 S Yakima Ave., Tacoma,  
26 Washington. In September and October of 2018, agents observed, utilizing real-time  
27 tracking data, couriers for the CASTRO DTO stop at 713 S Yakima Ave., Tacoma,  
28 Washington, over 25 times and conduct short stay visits. As stated above, I recognize

1 this short stay traffic to be a type of behavior consistent with behaviors displayed by drug  
2 traffickers.

3 34. On October 30, 2018, TFO Anthony Nisco went to the 713 S Yakima Ave.,  
4 Tacoma, Washington residence to determine who lived there. While there, TFO Nisco  
5 observed the name "HUBLY" written on a piece of paper affixed to the mailbox of  
6 Apartment 9. Additionally, TFO Nisco observed a black 2009 Kia Spectra bearing  
7 Washington license BDF8264 registered to DAVID JOZEPH HUBLY parked in the  
8 parking lot behind the apartment complex near the entrance to Apartment 9. Based on  
9 my training and experience, real-time tracking data over TV3, agents' observations and  
10 the conversations obtained from the Facebook search warrant materials, I believe ALEX  
11 and DAVID HUBLY are residing at 713 S Yakima Ave., Apartment 9, Tacoma,  
12 Washington, and are receiving drugs from the CASTRO DTO, delivered by the couriers  
13 in TV3. I further believe that given the number of visits to the HUBLY residence by the  
14 DTO couriers, the HUBLYs are obtaining heroin for redistribution to others.

15 35. ALEX HUBLY has a lengthy criminal history, consisting most notably of  
16 convictions in 2014 for two counts of possession of a controlled substance  
17 (methamphetamine & suboxone), two counts of forgery, and two counts of controlled  
18 substance—false information (attempted to obtain oxycodone) (12 months jail); and in  
19 2013 for theft 3 (four days jail). She appears to have been arrested in 2016 on probation  
20 violations, and has a litany of other arrests for which the dispositions are unknown.  
21 DAVID JOZEPH HUBLY's criminal record consists of three arrests in 2008 for driving  
22 with a suspended/revoked license, drug paraphernalia/use, and telephone harassment.

23 36. On November 29, 2018, a Grand Jury sitting in the Western District of  
24 Washington returned an Indictment against 31 members of the CASTRO DTO, including  
25 Higuera, on drug trafficking conspiracy and related charges.  
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IV. CONCLUSION

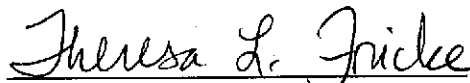
37. Based on the above facts, I respectfully submit that there is probable cause to believe that the Defendants committed the offense set forth in this Complaint.



Steven J. Meyer, Complainant  
Special Agent, Drug Enforcement  
Administration

Based on the Complaint and Affidavit sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence, the Court hereby finds that there is probable cause to believe the Defendant committed the offenses set forth in the Complaint.

Dated this 4th day of December, 2018.



THERESA L. FRICKE  
United States Magistrate Judge